

2018 Interim Study Items

for the Government Operations Interim Committee | May 2018

The Legislative Management Committee approved the following items for the Government Operations Interim Committee to study during the 2018 legislative interim:

Name	Description	Requestor	Related Documents
DFCM Oversight Changes	Study the costs and benefits of moving the Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM) from the Department of Administrative Services to the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Study whether, as a result of the many large projects DFCM handles, it is more appropriate to place DFCM closer to the governor.	Sen. Buxton	N/A
Boards and Commissions Political Balance	Study the "political balance" requirements of boards and commissions to determine whether any are no longer necessary. Develop criteria to determine how to eliminate those requirements.	Rep. Thurston	2017 H.B. 11
Quasi-State Entities	Study whether quasi-state entities should be allowed to have exemptions from the State Procurement Code while still operating under color of the state.	Governor's Office	N/A
Pay vs. Benefits for State Employees	Study the potential restructuring of government employee total compensation to allow for more pay and less benefits, in accordance with the state auditor's total compensation study that demonstrated that state employees' total compensation is acceptable, but pay is low and benefits are high.	Sen. Hemmert	State Auditor's Total Compensation Study
Public Employee Performance Accountability	Review and reform how public employees are held accountable for performance, including consequences for public employees whose performance or actions cause significant problems. Address instances of nefarious, illegal, and poor performance of public employees.	Sen. Fillmore	N/A
Redistricting	Study redistricting in preparation for the 2020 census, including changes to the law that affect redistricting and the process to conduct redistricting.	Sen. Harper Rep. Peterson	N/A
Background Checks	Receive a report from various state entities regarding the implementation of 2018 S.B. 143, which gives authority for certain state entities to conduct background checks for employees, contractors, appointees, and volunteers. Receive recommendations for ways in which the provisions might be improved.	Sen. Harper	2018 S.B. 143
Code Cleanup	Address inconsistencies in code that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor has and continues to discover over the interim.	Office of the Lieutenant Governor	N/A
Municipal Incorporation Code	Having reviewed how cities and towns are incorporated, study whether there are some areas that could be explored to improve the incorporating process.	Office of the Lieutenant Governor	N/A